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SUBJECT: S&T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING (01.00)

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1. SCICOUNS INFORMED AYKAZYAN APRIL 4 THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MAY AND THAT COMMISSION PROBABLY COULD NOT MEET BEFORE LATE JUNE OR JULY. AYKAZYAN SAID HE WOULD SO INFORM KIRILLIN. HE COMMENTED THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BOTH SIDES SHOULD TRY FOR A MEETING IN LATE JUNE, OTHERWISE SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULES WOULD MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT MEETING COULD BE HELD BEFORE SEPTEMBER, AND THAT SOME OF THE SOVIET COOPERATORS ARE ALREADY BECOMING A BIT RESTIVE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS' QUERY AS TO WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON INITIATIVES THE SOVIETS WOULD PROPOSE SINCE THE POSTPONEMENT IN FEBRUARY OF THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, AYKAZYAN NOTED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN GIVING THOUGHT TO PROPOSING THE SPLIT-
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TING OFF OF ACTIVITY OF THE ELECTROMETALLURGY WORKING GROUP (1.03)
ON THE TREATMENT OF METALS UNDER HIGH PRESSURE INTO A SEPARATE WORKING

GROUP, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT AND THE HIGH PROBABILITY OF RAPID COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS PROPOSAL IS WORTH SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IF IT WOULD INCREASE U.S. ACCESS TO FIRST-CLASS SOVIET METALLURGICAL RESEARCH SUCH AS

ON HYDRO-EXTRUSION AT THE HIGH PRESSURE INSTITUTE. END COMMENT)

(B) THE INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON COMPOSITE PLASTICS SUCH AS CARBON FIBER REINFORCED PLASTICS. BOTH SCICOUNS AND AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT INITIAL EXPLORATION SHOULD BE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH SIDE OF THIS FIELD WHICH ALREADY HAS MANY COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS.

3. SINCE THE S&T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING EVIDENTLY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE US S&T EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BOB MORRIS VISIT MOSCOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AYKAZYAN STATED HE WOULD BE MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS WITH MORRIS NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE S&T AGREEMENT TEXT, AND ARRANGE AN ORIENTATION FOR HIM WITH SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MORRIS PLANS TO VISIT POLAND AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND WE STRONGLY SUGGEST INCLUDING MOSCOW ON HIS ITINERARY.
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